

Appl. No. 09/869,566
Amend. dated July 19, 2004
Response to Office Action mailed on: June 21, 2004

Patent Docket P2534-3

REMARKS

Restriction and Election Requirements:

Applicants hereby elect Group II, drawn to polypeptides and further select SEQ ID NOS: 5 and 7. While the Examiner has indicated that SEQ ID NOS: 5 and 7 are distinct restriction groups, Applicants respectfully traverse this requirement because both SEQ ID NOS: 5 and 7, as well as the other related sequences SEQ ID NOS: 2-3, are directed to variants (*e.g.*, artificial and intronic, splice variant) of the same hIL-1Ra1 native sequence.

In the event that the Examiner does not agree with Applicants' traversal, the election is directed to Group II, and SEQ ID NO:5.

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SUMMARY

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application.

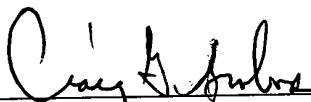
If in the opinion of the Examiner, a **telephone conference** would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is **strongly encouraged** to call the undersigned at the number indicated below.

This response/amendment is submitted with a transmittal letter. In the unlikely event that this document is separated from the transmittal letter or if fees are required, applicants petition the Commissioner to authorize charging our Deposit Account 07-0630 for any fees required or credits due and any extensions of time necessary to maintain the pendency of this application.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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